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July 23, 2015

Washington State Parks And Recreation Commission
Attn: Nikki Fields
P.O. Box 42650
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: City of Issaquah Permit SHO15-00001, SHO-15 00002,
Washington State Parks And Recreation Commission - Applicant
SIMULTANEOUS FILING OF
Approved Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SDP) #2015-NW-2880
Approved Shoreline Conditional Use Permit (CUP) #2015-NW-804

Dear Ms. Fields:

On July 1, 2015, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received the City of Issaquah decisions on your permits to restore the beach swimming area and shoreline, including milfoil removal, excavation of silt in water soil and replacement with quarry spalls and granolithic materials, including installation of an ADA handicap concrete ramp. The project is located adjacent to Lake Sammamish.

Your approved SDP and CUP have been filed with Ecology.

By law, Ecology must review the SDP, and CUP for compliance with:

- The Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW);
- Ecology's SDP approval criteria (Chapter 173-27-150 WAC);
- Ecology's CUP approval criteria (Chapter 173-27-170 WAC); and
- The City of Issaquah Local Shoreline Master Program.

Local governments, after reviewing SDPs for compliance, are required to submit them to Ecology. Your approved SDP has been received by Ecology.

After reviewing the CUP for compliance, Ecology must decide whether to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove them.

Our Decision on your CUP:

Ecology approves your CUP, provided your project complies with the conditions required by City of Issaquah, and the following Ecology conditions:

1. The applicant hereby authorizes Ecology staff and their designees to have access to the subject property for the purposes of compliance inspection and monitoring. Such right of access shall begin from the date of the receipt of this letter, during construction, and extend for a period of five years following project completion. Ecology staff must provide reasonable verbal notice to the applicant or their designee prior to coming onto the site.

Please note, however, that other federal, state, and local permits may be required in addition to these shoreline permits.

What Happens Next?

Before you begin activities authorized by this permit, the law requires you wait at least 21 days from July 23, 2015, the "date of filing." This waiting period allows anyone (including you) who disagrees with any aspect of this permit to appeal the decision to the state Shorelines Hearings Board.

You must wait for the conclusion of an appeal before you can begin the activities authorized by this permit.

We recommend contacting the Shorelines Hearings Board at (360) 664-9160 before beginning permit activities to ensure that no appeal has been filed. Information on appeals is also posted at http://www.eluho.wa.gov/Decision/Search_Cases. Select "Shorelines Hearings Board" from the drop down menu labeled "Board" and enter "Search." The most current appeal will appear on top.

If **you** want to appeal this decision, you can find appeal instructions (Chapter 461-08 WAC) at the Shorelines Hearings Board website above. They are also posted on the website of the Washington State Legislature at: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/>.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact David Pater at (425) 649-4253.

Sincerely,



Erik Stockdale, Section Manager
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program
Northwest Regional Office

cc: Robert Droll
Peter Rosen, City of Issaquah Development Services

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City of Issaquah

To: Erik Stockdale, NWRO SEA Section Supervisor
From: David Pater
Date: July 22, 2015
Subject: Shoreline Conditional Use Permit #2015-NW-2880
Issued by: Issaquah
To: Washington State Parks

I have reviewed this conditional use permit to authorize the restoration of the Sunset Beach swimming area and shoreline, including milfoil removal, excavation of silt in water soil and replacement with quarry spalls and granolithic materials, also including installation of an ADA handicap concrete ramp. This area is a designated aquatic and conservancy shoreline environment. The City of Issaquah has recently annexed Lake Sammamish State Park. The King County SMP regulations and shoreline environments still apply until Issaquah amends its current shoreline master program.

I recommend that the Department APPROVE the conditional use permit subject to the additional conditions:

1. The applicant hereby authorizes Ecology staff and their designees to have access to the subject property for the purposes of compliance inspection and monitoring. Such right of access shall begin from the date of the receipt of this letter, during construction, and extend for a period of five years following project completion. Ecology staff must provide reasonable verbal notice to the applicant or their designee prior to coming onto the site.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

The proposal is consistent with the following conditional use criteria as set forth in Chapter 173-27 WAC:

WAC 173-27-160(1) (a): That the proposed use is consistent with the policies of RCW 90.58.020 and the master program:

The proposal is consistent with the policies of the SMA, and does not conflict with policies and regulations within the County's SMP. The proposed beach improvements will enhance public access by improving the swimming area of a popular state park beach. An ADA concrete ramp will also be installed, which will significantly enhance access to handicapped park visitors. The beach area will be reduced, leaving more undisturbed shoreline that will be enhanced with native plants as part of the project mitigation.

WAC 173-27-160(1) (b): That the proposed use will not interfere with the normal public use of public shorelines:

The project will significantly enhance public access to a popular state park beach. Interference with public use will be limited to construction.

WAC 173-27-160(1)(c): That the proposed use of the site and design of the project is compatible with other authorized uses within the area and with uses planned for the area under the comprehensive plan and shoreline master program:

The proposed use and improvements are consistent with the Lake Sammamish State Park Master Plan. The project also significantly enhances an already established use.

WAC 173-27-160(1) (d): That the proposed use will cause no significant adverse effects to the shoreline environment in which it is to be located:

The proposed improvements will enhance and restore this section of the park's shoreline. Impacts were evaluated through the SEPA process. The swimming area improvements will reduce the size of the area and provide habitat enhancements for the adjacent park shoreline. The near shore lake bed substrate will be improved with an aggregate mix more conducive for salmonid spawning.

WAC 173-27-160(1) (e): That the public interest suffers no substantial detrimental effect:

This project will enhance a popular park amenity, in addition to improving in-water and adjacent shoreline habitat.

WAC 173-27-160(2): In the granting of all conditional use permits, consideration shall be given to the cumulative impact of additional requests for like actions in the area. For example, if conditional use permits were granted for other developments in the area where similar circumstances exist, the total of the conditional uses shall also remain consistent with the policies of RCW 90.58.020 and shall not produce substantial adverse effects to the shoreline environment:

Sunset Beach is designated as the main swimming area in Lake Sammamish State Park. The proposed improvements will increase swimmer safety and enhance public access. It will also provide shoreline habitat improvements. The only other equivalent size beach on the lake is at Idylwood Park in Redmond on the lake's north end. There are also smaller private community beaches on the south end of the lake. Similar proposals would probably have similar enhancement effects at a smaller scale. However, none are currently planned. The cumulative impacts from similar projects in the area are negligible.